

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
Rhode Island State Pilotage Commission  
Department of Environmental Management  
235 Promenade Street  
Providence, RI 02908**

**Proposed Minutes of the Rhode Island State Pilotage Commission  
Meeting**

**235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI**

**Held on January 4, 2007**

**Members in attendance:**

**Michael Scanlon, Chair**

**J. Peter Fritz, Member**

**Captain E. Howard McVay, Jr., Member**

**Larry Mouradjian, Member**

**Others in attendance:**

**Capt. John A. Wilson, III, J. Wilson Marine Co., Inc.**

**Gary Powers, Legal Counsel to the Commission**

**Virginia MacCoy, Recording Secretary**

**Quorum being present, the Chair called the Meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. The Minutes of the December 7, 2006 meeting were approved by assent.**

**Under old business:**

**1. Attorney Gary Powers presented to the Commission a letter to**

**Capt. Kenneth Warner clarifying the final decision of the pilotage commission concerning the grounding of M/V Mantenha. The letter was accepted by the Commission with a revision.**

**2. A motion was made to increase Captain Vince Kirby's probationary license to 30' draft and under 25000 gross unlimited draft.**

**3. M/V Gdansk has a letter of understanding between the vessel and the Coast Guard which states the vessel is required to have two (2) assists tugs from anchorage to dock and one (1) assisting tug from Castle Hill to the anchorage; outbound the vessel is required to have two (2) assists tugs down to Sandy Point. Captain Nash of the Coast Guard has not had an opportunity to ride on the vessel.**

**4. Captain John Hadley has returned the laptop computer.**

#### **New Business:**

**1. Captain John A. Wilson, III has requested permission to be a Commission authorized surveyor.**

**a. Attached is Captain Wilson's resume.**

**b. Chairman Scanlon stated that it would be desirous if Captain Wilson obtained an errors and omission policy that would indemnify the Commission.**

**i. Captain Wilson will investigate such a policy and whether it is worthwhile to obtain.**

**c. After a brief question period a motion was made and the Commission moved and unanimously approved Captain Wilson as an approved surveyor for the Commission**

**2. Captain Thomas Walker of the Long Island Sound Pilots intends to**

**operate a pilot boat out of the Port of Galilee.**

**a. Chairman Scanlon notified Captain Walker of Rhode Island General Law Section 46-9-8 in which it requires a pilot intending to pilot a vessel shall be in compliance with the rules and regulations established by the state pilotage commission. Further, the owner or operator of a pilot boat shall secure and hold a current certificate of compliance issued by the state pilotage commission.**

**b. Captain Walker requested that his pilot boat be inspected by one of the Commission's surveyors.**

**i. A letter will be sent to Captain Walker that he may contact Captain John Wilson about having his boat inspected.**

**c. Captain Walker has removed his boat from Jerusalem to Stonington until he is in compliance.**

**d. Once he is in compliance, Captain Walker intends to use a private facility in Snug Harbor. He has been informed that he cannot pick-up or drop-off from the state pier in Galilee without written permission from the Division of Coastal Resources.**

**3. Commissioner McVay reported that several cruise ships are behind on paying pilotage fees. State law states that no agent will handle a vessel without the agent being fully funded for the pilotage fees. A reasonable amount of time for payment is forty-five (45) days however, in some instances it is taking over three (3) months to receive payment.**

**a. Chairman Scanlon suggested that a strongly worded letter be sent to the cruise ships reminding them of their agreement.**

**4. Commissioner McVay reported that the Long Island Sound,**

**Connecticut Pilot Commission has formed a sub-committee to study the Montauk Pilot situation to see if it is a viable pilot station. If they shut down the Montauk Pilot station all pilot boat operations for Long Island Sound would be moved to the Point Judith pilot station and for efficiency would like to keep a pilot boat based in Point Judith harbor.**

**a. Commissioner Mouradjian stated at this time there are issues at the port**

**which would make it difficult to bring in a pilot boat.**

**A motion was made and accepted to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 am.**

#### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

**The Commission plans to hold its next regularly scheduled meeting in the Conference Room of the Division of Law Enforcement at DEM Headquarters located at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI on February 1, 2007 starting at 9:30 a.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Virginia MacCoy, Recording Secretary**